

DETAILED ACTION

The Examiner acknowledges the applicant's submission of the amendment dated 2/19/2010.

The instant application having Application No. 10/578,390 has a total of 13 claims pending in the application, there are 3 independent claims and 10 dependent claims, all of which are ready for examination by the examiner.

ARGUMENTS CONCERNING NON-PRIOR ART REJECTIONS/OBJECTIONS

Specification Objections

Applicant's arguments/amendments with respect to the specification have been considered and have overcome the Examiner's prior objections and thus are withdrawn.

Rejections - USC 101

Applicant's arguments/amendments with respect to claim 13 have been considered and have overcome the Examiner's prior rejections and thus are withdrawn.

Rejections - USC 112

Applicant's arguments/amendments with respect to claims 1-13 have been considered and have overcome the Examiner's prior rejections and thus are withdrawn.

ARGUMENTS CONCERNING PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Rejections - USC 102/103

Applicant's amendments with respect to claims 1, 10 and 13 have been considered and have distinguished the applicant's invention from the prior art of record.

Thusly, the rejections of claims 1-13 have been withdrawn.

STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance of **Claim 1** rest in the combination with the inclusion of the following limitation of:

“updating the first list to include addresses of remaining objects listed in the first list which cannot be deleted within the calculated residual time, and storing the updated first list in the memory separately from the objects so as to prevent deletion of the first list”.

The primary reason for allowance of **Claim 10** rest in the combination with the inclusion of the following limitation of:

“updating the list to include addresses of remaining objects listed in the list of objects which cannot be deleted within the lapse of the calculated residual time, and storing the updated list in memory separately from the objects so as to prevent deletion of the first list”.

The primary reason for allowance of **Claim 13** rest in the combination with the

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inclusion of the following limitation of:

“updating the first list to include addresses of remaining objects listed in the first list which cannot be deleted within the calculated residual time, and storing the updated first list in the memory separately from the objects so as to prevent deletion of the first list”.

These limitations above are taught by the specification at least on Paragraphs [49] and [59]-[61] of Applicant's specification. The subject matter recited in claims 1, 10, and 13 is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

RELEVANT ART CITED BY THE EXAMINER

The following prior art made of record and not relied upon is cited to establish the level of skill in the applicant's art and those arts considered reasonably pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See **MPEP 707.05(c)**.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. These references include:

Barton et al (US 2002/0118954) teaches creating a list of objects to be deleted.

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CLOSING COMMENTS

Conclusion

STATUS OF CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION

The following is a summary of the treatment and status of all claims in the application as recommended by **M.P.E.P. ' 707.07(i)**:

SUBJECT MATTER CONSIDERED ALLOWABLE

Claims 1-13 are considered patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record.

DIRECTION OF FUTURE CORRESPONDENCES

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Anthony Giardino whose telephone number is (571) 270-3565 and can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Sanjiv Shah can be reached on (571) 272 - 4098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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